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October 9, 1985

TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining  
FROM: Ronald W. Daniels, Coordinator of Minerals Research *RWD*  
RE: Finalized Assessment for State Violation No. N81-4-4-2,  
ACT/007/005, Folder No. 8, Carbon County, Utah

The Division requests the Board consider treating the finalized assessment (issued September 26, 1985) on Notice of Violation (NOV) No. N81-4-4-2 issued to Utah Fuel Company on October 15, 1981, in the same manner as it handled Utah Power & Light Company's Notice of Violation No. N83-5-1-1. That is, the Division asks the Board to remand the violation back to the Assessment Conference Officer for consideration in an assessment conference due to the age of the violation.

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cc: D. R. Nielson  
K. E. May  
M. L. Anderson

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August 26, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist <sup>Tw</sup>  
RE: Price River Coal Company, Price River Complex ACT/007/004,  
Carbon County, Utah

On August 16, 1985, I conducted a partial inspection of the Price River Coal Company facilities. Jim Fricke, Hydrologist for the Division accompanied me. I contacted Ken Hutchinson of Price River Coal but he was unable to accompany us. The weather was sunny and warm.

#### Crandall Canyon

It appeared that no additional development had been done on the main pad for the site. Controls for runoff appeared to be adequately functioning. According to Mr. Hutchinson a recent thunderstorm had occurred over the facilities causing some maintenance and erosion problems.

Examination of the lower pond revealed that erosion channels had been cut at the inlet to the pond since the last inspection. All runoff had been contained and it appeared that no discharge from the structure had occurred.

Upgrading of sediment controls at the leach field area was being done during the inspection as approved. A front end loader was cleaning existing ditches and it appeared that a new water bar had been constructed.

#### Hardscrabble Canyon

Reconstruction of the two celled Sediment Pond # 9 was being done during this inspection. A steel frame with overhead cross struts had been placed inside each cell and logs were laid behind the frame. These logs were laid parallel to slopes of the embankments. According to the mine manager, this was done to stabilize slumping embankments. This construction differs from the approved operation plan and no approval to modify these ponds was given. As a result of this reconstruction Notice of Violation N85-8-13-2, 1 of 1 was issued and reads as follows.

#### Nature of the Violation

Failure to operate in accordance with approved permit the act and regulations.

Provisions of the Regulation Act or Permit Violated

UMC 771.19.

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Sediment pond #9.

Remedial Action

Submit complete and adequate plans for reconstruction of ponds.

Time for Abatement

Two weeks or no later than August 30, 1985.

During the reconstruction of the ponds material from slopes and embankments has been deposited in the main ephemeral channel for the canyon located next to the two ponds. As a result of this deposition in the undisturbed channel Notice of Violation N85-8-13, 2 of 2 was issued and reads as follows.

Nature of Violation

Failure to prevent to extent possible additional contributions of sediment to streamflow or runoff.

Provision of the Regulation, Act or Permit Violated

UMC 817.45

Portion of Operation to Which Notice Applies

Main ephemeral drainage (undisturbed) at #3 mine from outlet of lowest sediment pond to first drop drain inlet crossing the access road.

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Remedial Action

Establish energy dissipators and sediment controls in channel or reestablish channel to undisturbed conditions before construction was begun.

Time for Abatement

August 22, 1985

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cc: Donna Griffin  
Ken Hutchinson  
Joe Helfrich  
Sue Linner

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX 74664 - 517 miles  
Per Diem: 1 person X 1 day, 10 hours = \$56.07  
Grant: A&E

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